

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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REMARKS

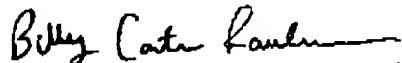
Claims 1-33 are pending in the application. Herein, Applicants amend claims 1-7, 9-16, 18-25, 27 and 31-33. These amendments are being made to further clarify various aspects of the claimed invention, for example, that various operations occur at the server and not at a client.

The present Amendment amends claims 1-7, 9-16, 18-25, 27 and 31-33, consistent with claim amendments discussed with the Examiner in a telephone conference on February 25, 2004. In addition to discussing the aforementioned amended claims, Applicants' representative briefly explained, as an exemplary distinction, differences between the server-oriented approach as claimed and the client-oriented approach of the applied Raman patent (USP 6,134,598).

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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